

CBSA COVID Mandate Protests // 2022-02-12 20:00

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Update as of 2022-02-12 20:00 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

Pacific Highway

- At 1815 ET, a temporary service disruption was reported due to the convergence of the protestors (up to 800) that were concentrated in the immediate area surrounding the port of Pacific Highway. Due to the aggressive posture by a portion of the protestors, the RCMP brought in additional resources from nearby Detachments to manage the highway and area surrounding the POE.
- A convoy of vehicles/RV's have managed to make their way down to 176th to 1st Avenue.
- The CBSA has secured port operations and inbound/ outbound flow at the port of entry is current restricted. A Border Alert and News Release will be issued advising clients of the fluid situation, recommending that clients seek entry at adjacent POEs.

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 1900 ET, SOR reports that the number of protestors remains as reported (500-600.) Approximately 12 vehicles remain. Pedestrian protestors continue to access the site on foot.
- Law Enforcement Agency partners have reported that the protestors are peaceful and the vast majority are respectful.
- There has been no further shifting of protestors farther south on Huron Church.
- Two vehicles have been towed from the protest area to the Ambassador Bridge commercial offsite.
- WPS have hardened the intersection at Huron Church Line and College Avenue with concrete barriers.
- As of 1735 ET, TC advises that the NOTAM over the Windsor Protest has been extended until 14 February, 2022 at 0500 ET.

Blue Water Bridge (Sarnia)

- At 1807 ET, the Blue Water Bridge reported the BWT is at 35 minutes for commercial trucks.
- At 1900 ET, approximately 50-100 people are present at the gathering under the BWB. (cars and pick-up trucks), including approximately 12 children and 20 parked vehicles.

Peace Bridge

- Reports at 1900 ET states that a good portion of the protesters have returned to the Husky truck station in the Niagara on the Lake (NOTL). Some of the trucks got off at the Netherby exit. No large trucks or transports left with group, currently all CBSA assets are in the NOTL area.
- Slow roll on QEW Fort Erie-bound is clogged up. Many BTB legitimate transports are stuck in it.
- The access to the QEW at Garrison Road where traffic vehicles were able to flow has now been blocked by protestors.
- Police have been unsuccessful in attempts to negotiate with them to adjust/move to allow flow of vehicles. Police are considering options.
- Vehicles continue to circle around the peace Bridge.
- As of 1850 ET, the border wait time for commercial trucks is 3 minutes.
- As of 1838 ET, protests in the area has begun to intensify. There is NO protest activity currently at the POE or adjoining parkway.
- Protesters have moved to the nearby intersection of Garrison Road and Central Parkway, near the Nexus office, and a heavy police presence has blocked their further advancement. Protesters are preventing legitimate truck traffic from passing through this intersection. Updates to follow as the situation evolves.

Emerson

- As of 1806 ET, the blockade remains in place north of the POE. RCMP continue to monitor and provide updates; nothing of significance to report. Some passenger vehicle traffic continues to be processed and released via secondary roads. Commercial vehicles are returned to the US and directed to alternate POE's.

Coutts

- Border Alert sent advising of the temporary suspension of services at the POE with alternate crossing locations effective Feb 12, 2022 at 1300 MT / 1500 ET.
- As of 1500 ET, situation at CP10 is open & calm but numbers are growing.
Sweetgrass MT (US) Protest as of 1500 ET:
- USCBP updated that protest in Sweetgrass will have at least 200-250 in attendance, but may grow. Protestors want to hold it in the median of the highway, but were told no.
- Negotiation to move them to the airfield (Ross Field) and working with IBET on that plan (protestors were there the first weekend and were respectful and well behaved).

- Horse riding protestors are joining this time

Osoyoos

- As of 1703 ET, a Freedom Convoy from Vernon, BC arrived at the POE. There are 6 RCMP members on site and it is reported that over ten kilometers of vehicles are traveling in the convoy. Protest continues to be peaceful and protesters have stated that they will be allowing traffic to move through if the road is blocked.

Upcoming Protests Events

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ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
· Ottawa – Parliament Hill and downtown · Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade · London: Putnam ON near 401, scheduled Slow Roll from London to Windsor · Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge · Coutts – North and South bound lanes blocked off, gates closed. RCMP request in to close the POE. · Emerson – Blockade remains north of the POE. Some processing for passenger vehicles. Commercial redirected. · Pacific Highway (near POE)	· Peace Bridge, SOR · Osoyoos, PAC Overseas: · New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests · France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) · Netherlands Feb 12 – Protest activities related to Canadian protest (potentially related to convoy to Belgium)	CANADA <u>February 13</u> · Fredericton, NB · Fort Frances, NOR · Edmonton, PRA <u>February 19</u> · Lacolle, QUE <u>Unknown date</u> · SOR Rail blockade · North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MB USA · Buffalo – Feb 12 · Peace Bridge, NY – Feb 12 · Port Huron / Sarnia – Feb 12 Overseas · Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 · Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests

Enhanced Vigilance Examinations:

- No new vigilance examinations reported.

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 12, 2022, at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- No impact to CBSA operations reported.
- Halifax police have erected barricades to prevent convoy access to port facilities. CCG assesses risk as low for protests on the water and disruption to marine traffic and port activities.
 - o Dozens gather at vaccine mandate rallies in Halifax. [Link](#)

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- Quebec Region reports that the planned protest at Lacolle for February 12 has not materialized and social media posts advise that the event may be moved to February 19, 2022. Quebec Region is continuing to monitor with the Sûreté du Québec and the RCMP.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

Cornwall

- As of 1900 ET, it has been reported that all demonstration participants have left the port of entry. There are no indications of a planned resumption of protest activity observed at this time.

Lansdowne

- As of 1900 ET, there are no changes to report at the Lansdowne – Thousand Islands Port of Entry, nor has any further information been received. Officers arriving for the overnight shift have confirmed that OPP remains present on Highway 137 heading to and from the Port of Entry.

Pigeon River

- At 1750 ET, all protesters left the Tourist Information Center and headed north on Highway 61 towards the city of Thunder Bay. OPP Sergeant will remain on site until 1845hrs. No impact to the operation.

Sault Ste. Marie

- As of 1534 local time, protestor decrease to approx. 10 and 2 on-site city police - no operational impacts.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTA)

- No update

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 1900 ET, Police line remains near Millen Intersection at Huron Church Road, there has been no movement past this line. No arrests have been made.
- US Based tow trucks have returned to the US. Local tow operators remain ready at the marshalling area.
- Less foot traffic has been observed and vehicles are leaving the area via side streets.
- OPP report that the Convoy from London, which was looking to join the protest in Windsor, was blocked by police at Huron Line and Todd Lane.
- Windsor Police Services working with City of Windsor to obtain 40 jersey barriers from a single source. May arrange to deliver barriers through the POE plaza due to limited routing – notified team at the POE. If they can't source 40, they will access 18 from the Canadian Transit Company's (CTC's) west ramp.
- IC Logistics asked for CBSA assistance for monitoring (not purchasing) food & beverage stock at the Ambassador Bridge – which is where the on ground teams are eating/resting – several hundred officers rotationally. Arrangements made for a CBSA lead from now until 0700 hrs Monday morning.

Rainbow Bridge

- As of 1900 ET, A portion of the Peace Bridge convoy have travelled to Niagara towards the Rainbow Bridge via the parkway.
- Niagara Falls Bridge Commission (NFBC) has the entrance to the Rainbow Bridge funnelled to one lane with the use of three NFBC vehicles. Supporters of the Freedom Convoy continue to drive past the entrance to the bridge, honking. This is in small volumes and has no impact on the operation.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Coutts

- Border Alert sent advising of the temporary suspension of services at the POE with alternate crossing locations.
- As of 1500 ET, alternate POEs are reporting increased traffic as a result.
 - o Boissevain and Sprague – approx. 25% increase in commercial traffic – still manageable
 - o BWTs at Gretna (4hrs) and Winkler (60mins)
- Winkler starting to see more traffic – hours will remain as is – will close at 18:00

Gretna

- As of 1755 CT, the border wait time (BWT) at Gretna has increased to approximately six hours. The traffic consists largely of vehicles rerouted from Emerson

North Portal

- As of 1924 ET, RCMP have left their two check points near the POE. There is still a RCMP check stop approximately 10 kms north of POE. There are no protestors identified to be present on highways. There is a gathering of approximately 30 semi trucks at the US Duty Free store. Drivers have advised BSOs at PIL that they are all planning to pull up to POE at once. Unknown if these are Canadian or US trucks.
- As of 1500 ET RCMP have set up two check stops north of POE. One within a 250 meters and another several kms up the road. RCMP will only be allowing legitimate travel to POE area.

Regway

- As of 1750 ET, the crowd had almost completely dispersed. Comments over the loudspeaker were heard, " Thanks for coming out, see you at North Portal". CRMP remain in the area.

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

(hours of operations to be reassessed daily in coordination with US CBP)

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- Roseville, BC
- North Portal, SK

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Manitoba

Regular Travellers:

- Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Boissevain (24/7)
- Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- Boissevain and Sprague

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PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Kingsgate

- As of 1928 ET, Protesters have left the area. Lead protest organizers met with Operational Superintendent and stated they would be back next Saturday barring any major changes in mandates. The protest remained peaceful throughout with no traffic blockades and no affect on POE operations.
- At 1643 ET, The protest 100m north of the POE has grown to about 200 vehicles and 350 people. A small USA co-demonstration of 15 vehicles and 35 people has started in Eastport, Idaho just south of the Port of Kingsgate. The protest remains peaceful and is not affecting North or Southbound traffic. There is still no operational impact to the port.

Paterson

- As of 1656 ET, it was reported that the convoy showed up at 12:20 and set up relatively without incident. POE was able to facilitate an emergency lane access and a staging area for the protesters. The US side had several vehicles show up and on both sides there have been conversation about going across to "bear hug", but no one attempted to do so. The US supports mainly left the area by 1345.

- The RCMP were notified of vehicles blocking the highway, and a call to the organizer of the rally fixed the issue. The RCMP will be attending to interact with the protest.

Roosville

- AS of 1759 ET, the US rally has dispersed. They remained calm and peaceful. There is no activity on the north side of the POE.
- The Cdn Duty Free parking lot will remain closed for the night. In the anticipation of truck traffic diverted from Coutts, a spot adjacent to the duty free will be setup for trucks to park to fix crossing paperwork.
- Approx. 1552 ET, A rolling convoy arrived from within Canada, containing approximately 400 passenger vehicle and 10-15 logging trucks / dump trucks. Majority of the Canadian convoy is setup at Hwy 93 /3 pullout. There was some information that a small breakup group may attempt to join the protest at Kingsgate, but this number seems small and would take approximately 2 hours to arrive.
- The northern convoy did not block any traffic, but a number of south bound traffic got caught up in it.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

POE Name	Province	S.37 POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	TBD
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
St-Armand/Philipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No
St.Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	TBD	No

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA:

- [Anti-vaccine mandate protesters force closure of Pacific Highway border crossing](#)
- [Convoy protesters break through Surrey RCMP barricade with military vehicle as others march to U.S. border on foot](#)

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